

good-faith effort will have helped restore some of the U.S.'s lost credibility, thereby strengthening the coalition supporting the war as well as improving our ability to prosecute the war on terrorism, as well as decreasing the risk and cost of rebuilding Iraq after a conflict.

I urge my colleagues to support this reasonable approach to the crisis.

WOMEN AND HEART DISEASE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, last month we celebrated Heart Month, a time for us to reflect upon heart disease, its effects, and our methods of prevention.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Miami Heart Research Institute for its dedication to the research and the treatment of this life-threatening disease.

Heart disease is the single leading cause of death for American women. Obviously, women make an indispensable contribution to the growth of our culture and must be ensured every opportunity for good health and longevity. It is critical that women be educated on the risk of heart disease as well as on the effective methods of prevention.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in recognizing the efforts of the Miami Heart Research Institute and that we will all grow in the awareness of the impact which heart disease has on Americans, especially our Nation's women.

IN MEMORY OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN GUS YATRON

(Mr. HOEFFEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOEFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I have the sad task of informing my colleagues that my predecessor, Gus Yatron, passed away unexpectedly early this morning.

Gus Yatron dedicated his entire life to public service, first serving as a school director for the Reading School District, and then serving in the Pennsylvania State House and in the Pennsylvania State Senate. He served with distinction in the halls of Congress for 24 years.

During Gus Yatron's years of public service, he helped thousands of people and was respected by all the colleagues that he served with. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Millie; his daughter, Theana; his son, George; and to his grandchildren.

ELIMINATING UNFAIR DOUBLE TAXATION ON DIVIDEND INCOME

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, over 250 economists have urged Congress to repeal the unjust double taxation on dividend income. This is an excellent opportunity to dramatically boost our economy and create jobs for Americans.

There is an urgent need to pass President Bush's plan. On March 11, the widely respected Charles Schwab wrote in *The Washington Post*, and I quote, "If we are going to stimulate the economy, we need a tax policy that bolsters confidence, improves corporate governance, unlocks the stagnant capital inside companies, and lifts the stock market across the board. Only the elimination of the double tax on dividends achieves all these goals. Congress ought to act quickly."

That is why I have introduced H.R. 225, the Double Taxation Elimination Act of 2003, and I ask my colleagues to join me in ending this unfair double tax on dividends which has been championed by the House Policy Committee chaired by the gentleman from California (Mr. COX) and which has been promoted by the Committee on Ways and Means chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS). With this plan we can stimulate the economy and create jobs.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, God bless our troops.

SUPPORT OF TROOPS

(Mr. GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, our 1-minutes are designed for us to talk about things that are happening in our districts or whatever issues may be important for the day. I wanted to talk about a situation that is happening in east and northeast Harris County.

Mr. Speaker, we have a group that is talking about communities rallying for our troops. Now, our troops are in Iraq and in Afghanistan. We have two groups, the 373rd Support Battalion and also the 450th Chemical Battalion. They are Houston Reserves who are serving our country. What is happening this week in North Shore and Channel View and northeast Harris County and Houston are our communities showing support for those young men and women serving our country everywhere in the world.

Mr. Speaker, we are fighting for freedom and democracy everywhere in the world. My only frustration is that here on the floor of the House today we do not even get an amendment on a major piece of legislation. But we know that we support our troops, whether they are in Afghanistan, Iraq, or anywhere else in the world.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH DOES NOT MEAN DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about a misunderstanding about our Constitution. It has been reported that some antiwar protesters destroyed a 9-11 memorial in La Habra, California, last Saturday. The memorial was on private property and was set up after 9-11 to honor those murdered by the terrorist attackers. The antiwar protesters burned and ripped flags while the local police watched and did nothing.

It is unconscionable there would be Americans who would show no respect for those victims of 9-11. Even more outrageous is that the police department excused this vandalism by citing the first amendment's protection of freedom of speech. Freedom of speech is a God-given right of every American; destroying private property is not.

What would the police officers do if a citizen wanted to exercise his freedom of speech by setting fire to city hall? Can a person express their freedom of speech by punching a speaker they disagree with? Obviously not.

I encourage the La Habra Police Department and all police departments across this country to protect freedom of speech while at the same time not allowing vandals to destroy private property.

NATION REJOICES IN RETURN OF ELIZABETH SMART

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, the Nation grieved with the Smart family when Elizabeth disappeared 9 months ago. As chairman of the Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus, I, and our Nation, are overjoyed at her discovery. This is the light at the end of the tunnel for her family and friends, something that every parent who has a missing child would dream of.

I want to thank the media, the citizens who paid attention and called in leads, and the law enforcement officials who worked so hard on this case. This is the ultimate example of the growing cooperation between law enforcement, the public, and the media. By working together, people become the eyes and ears of law enforcement, increasing their numbers by thousands.

We can learn a great deal from this case. First of all, the parents did exactly the right thing and were prepared with current photos and information of Elizabeth. This is the most important thing for parents to have. Elizabeth's sister was an incredible witness and a